EMI?
HELLO?
HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? OR, RATHER, WHERE ARE YOU NOW?
SOMETHING AMAZING'S HAPPENED!
TAKU'S STILL AWAKE. I'LL PUT YOU ON SPEAKER.
OH, HOLD ON A SEC.
AH, OKAY.
GOOD WORK TODAY!
OH, I'M ALREADY BACK IN MY ROOM AT THE LODGE.

I'VE BEEN WORKING AWAY FROM MY FAMILY FOR SOME TIME NOW
BUT THIS MIGHT BE THE FIRST TIME
I TALKED TO THEM THIS LONG ON DAY ONE AT A NEW WORK SITE.
OR SO THE CURIOUS FEELING INSIDE OF ME
HAD ME THINKING
THOUGH I'VE ONLY BEEN HERE FOR ABOUT 10 HOURS
I ALREADY FEEL AT HOME THANKS TO THAT GUY.

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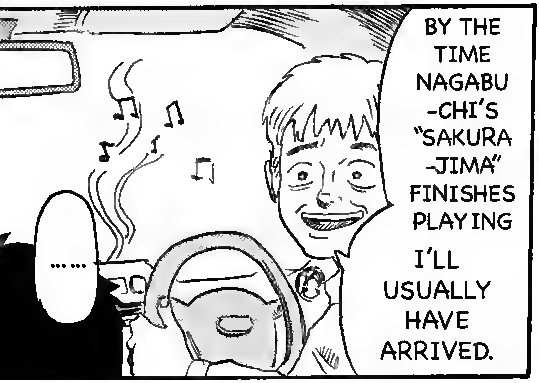
I'M OINUMA FROM OKAHA -MA CONSTRUC -TION.
I'VE BEEN APPOINTED OF DIVISION 1 SECTION CHIEF.
GREAT TO MEET YOU!
DIVISION 1 DEPUTY MANAGER KATSUO KIMURA FROM TSURUMA -RU ENGINEER -ING.
WE'LL BE SHARING MEALS AND LODGINGS FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS AS WE WORK TOGETHER
SUDDENLY SOMEONE FROM A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT COMPANY BECAME MY NEW BOSS.
BUT THIS TIME MORE SO THAN EVER
NO MATTER WHICH SITE I GO TO
I ALWAYS FEEL THE PRESSURE OF CARRYING THE COMPANY'S REPUTATION ON MY SHOULDERS ...

THERE ARE HARDLY ANY FAMILIAR FACES...

BUT DO YOU WANT TO GO SEE THE SITE ANYWAY?
THE CONSTRUCTION PLANS HAVE ONLY JUST BEEN FINISHED
YES, THAT'D BE GREAT!


BY THE TIME NAGABU -CHI'S "SAKURA -JIMA" FINISHES PLAYING
I'LL USUALLY HAVE ARRIVED.
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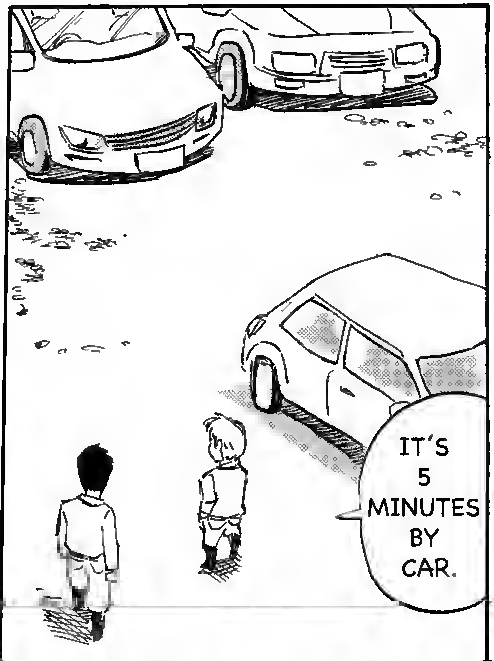
VRRM


IT'S 5 MINUTES BY CAR.

OH! SO HE CAME TO SEE IT TOO...
WEEEN
ウィィーン…
HEY. GOOD WORK.
GOOD WORK TODAY!

BOW
THIS GUY'S DIVISION 1 SECTION CHIEF
HEY. GREAT TO MEET.
.....
VRRM
KER-CHAK
WHAT ??
ALL OF A SUDD-EN ...
...!
...AH!

KER-CHAK
KER-
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE...
... I AM!
HAHA!
YOU ARE!?
I AM!!

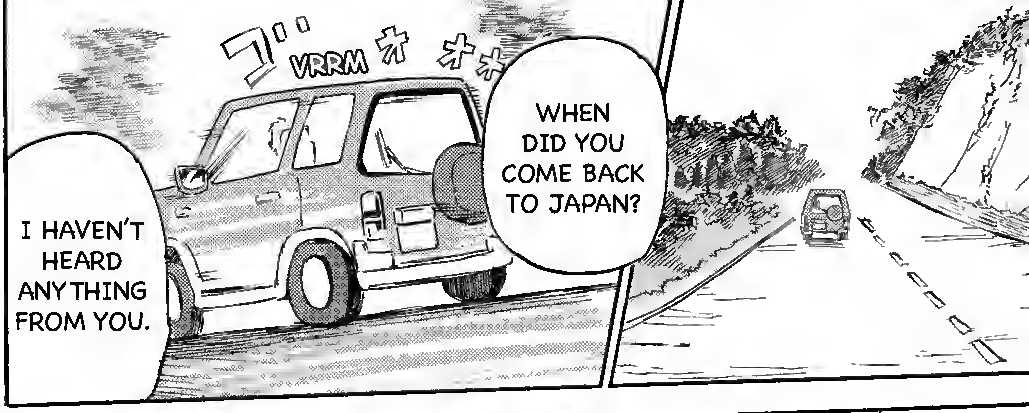
OI
-CHAN!!
KIJI!!
PULL
GRAB
HUH?
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?
HAHA!
IT'S
BEEN A
WHILE...

THAT'S WHY I ASKED HIM TO MAKE IT ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS...
...
THE LAST MILK IS MINE!!
OINUMA-KUN, YOU'RE REALLY BAD AT THUMB WRESTLING
I NEVER KNEW HOW TO DEAL WITH KIJI
ゴクゴク
YOUR TYPICAL NEIGHBORHOOD BULLY KIND OF KID
YEAH.
A WALL NEWS-PAPER?
OR AT LEAST
HUH?
NOW?
... OINUMA-KUN, YOU CAN DRAW, RIGHT? LET'S MAKE ONE, RIGHT NOW!
I NEVER DID UNTIL THAT DAY...

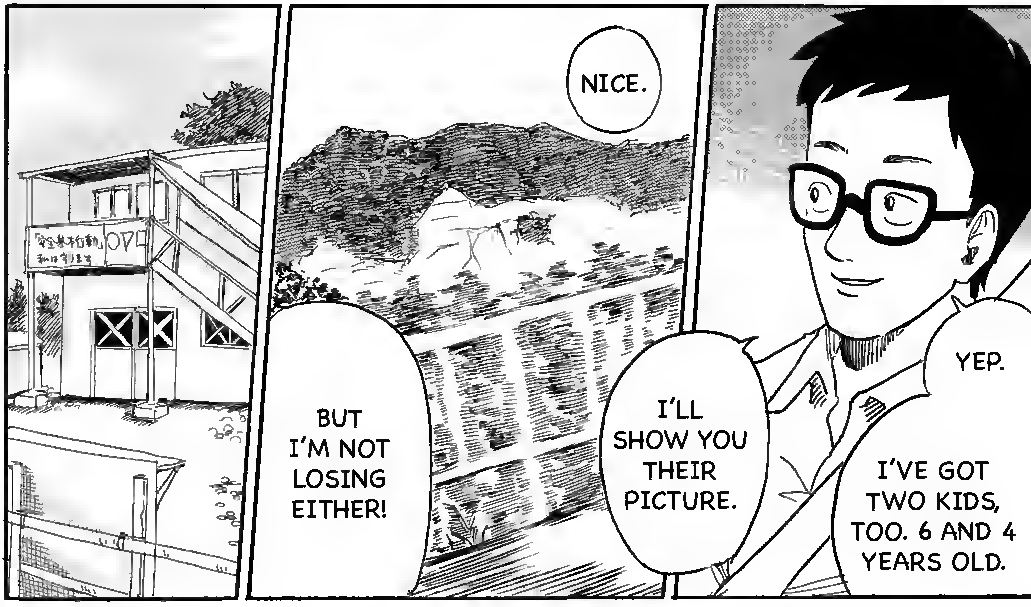
SOOO... WHAT SHOULD WE WRITE...?
BEFORE THE TEACHER SEES
先生にばれる前に
HE JUST WANTS TO COVER UP THAT HOLE...
I SEE ...
THE SCIENCE ROOM'S ANATOMICAL MODEL LOOKS LIKE THE VICE PRINCIPAL
校舎の秘密
大かぼう
THE WALLS BREAK EASILY! BE CAREFUL. /KIJI
壁はこわれやすい
いそ! ほき キヲ
THINKING THAT IT'D BE JUST THE ONE
THE NEWSPAPER I WROTE
壁新聞
SCHOOL SECRETS --BIG ANALYZIS
...
HEY KIJI...
YAY
YAY
BECAME AN UNEXPECTED HIT

BASEBALL DAY.
POOL DAY.
EARTHWORM DAY...
WHAT DAY
IS TODAY GONNA BE?
KESHI GOMU
LIFE
WE CONTINUED PLAYING AT BEING REPORTERS
CHANGING OUR THEME WITH EVERY NUMBER
LOOK! I BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW THIS WAS HERE!
YEAH. TODAY IS DEFINITELY ...
OVER HERE!!
OVER HERE, OI-CHAN!!

IT WAS ALWAYS US TWO
YEP.
TADAAA!!
"WELL DAY"
WHEN KIJI'S FAMILY MOVED OVERSEAS
UNTIL SUDDENLY OUR DUO WAS SPLIT UP...
KO壁新聞
キジ一転校
海外へ
あばよ…
OI-CHAN...
STILL BAD AT THUMB WRESTLING, HUH
AND HE HAD TO CHANGE SCHOOLS...

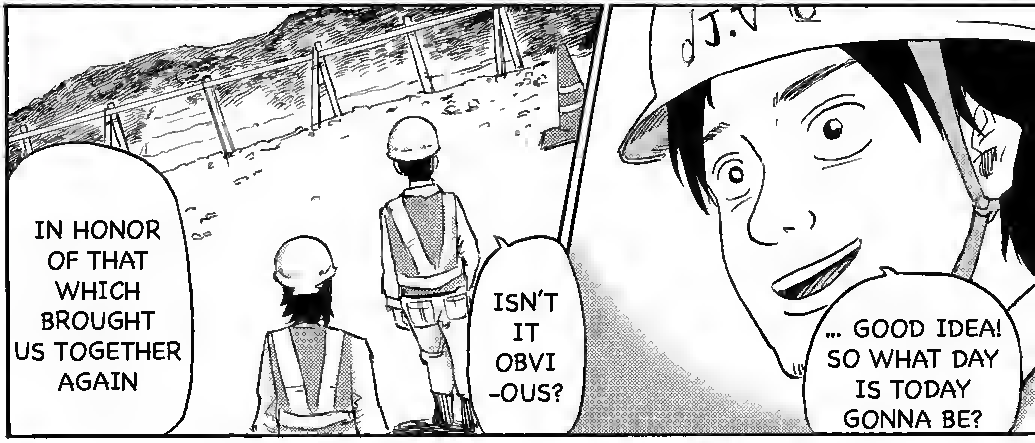

VRRM
I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING FROM YOU.
WHEN DID YOU COME BACK TO JAPAN?

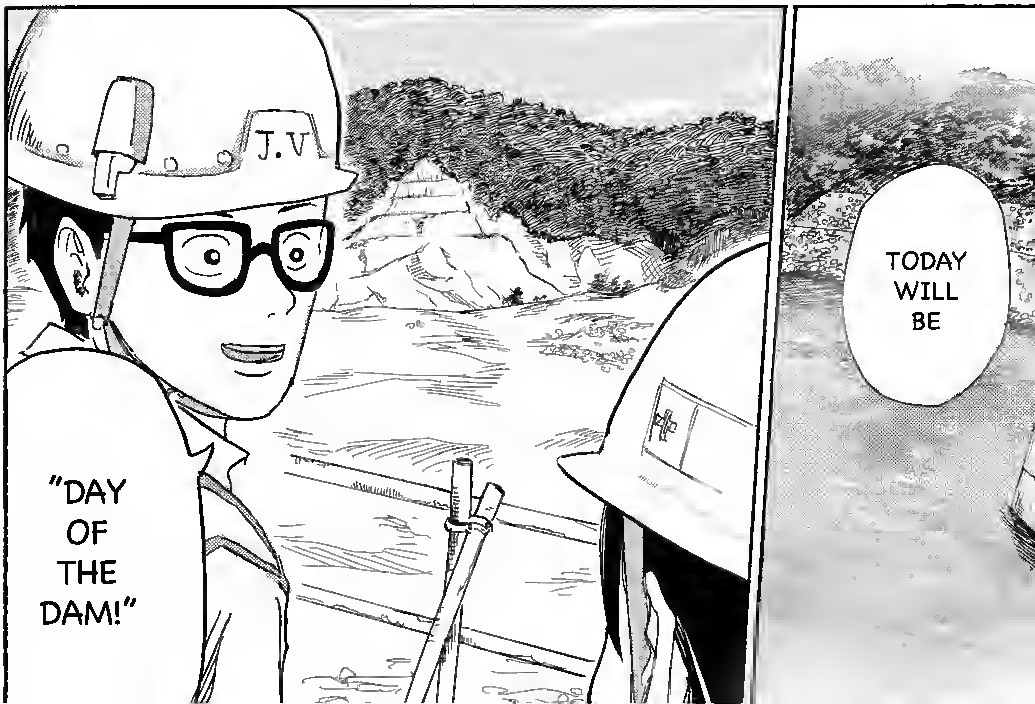
ARE YOU MARRIED, OI-CHAN?
IS THAT SO...
RELAX... ISN'T IT FINE?
I HAD A FEELING I'D SEE OI-CHAN AGAIN WHEN THE TIME WAS RIGHT.


NICE.
BUT I'M NOT LOSING EITHER!
I'LL SHOW YOU THEIR PICTURE.
YEP.
I'VE GOT TWO KIDS, TOO. 6 AND 4 YEARS OLD.

MY BOY IS ALREADY IN 4TH GRADE.
HE'S IN CHARGE OF THE SCHOOL PAPER.
I JUST HEARD IT ON THE PHONE YESTERDAY; TOOK ME BY SURPRISE.
WOW...
AND HE LOOKS JUST LIKE YOU!
OI-CHAN'S WIFE IS UNEXPECTEDLY QUITE THE BEAUTY!
HAHA! WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "UNEXPECT -EDLY"
HA, YOU WERE SO PROUD TO SHOW ME HER PICTURE.
STILL ...
TO THINK THAT WE BOTH BECAME ENGINEERS ...

J.V
WANT TO GIVE IT A GO AGAIN? WRITING TOGETHER.
HAHA ...
I H. D THE FEELING YOU'D END UP A REPORTER


IN HONOR OF THAT WHICH BROUGHT US TOGETHER AGAIN
ISN'T IT OBVI -OUS?
J.V
... GOOD IDEA! SO WHAT DAY IS TODAY GONNA BE?


J.V
"DAY OF THE DAM!"
TODAY WILL BE